

Extracts from the **Parish Magazine** of Newton Poppleford, Harpford and Colaton Raleigh re the Parish Plan Project.



March 2009

Parish Planning – it's a community thing

It has been agreed to hold an **Information Evening** on the night of the **Annual Parish Meeting** which will take place on **Tuesday 3rd March** at the **Newton Poppleford Village Hall** at **8.15pm**, following the Parish Council Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm

What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is a community consultation exercise. It is a unique opportunity for a community to look at its own concerns and interests through a structured consultation process that is driven and carried out by the community, itself. The outcome is a document (the Parish Plan) which lays out the issues raised and the desired outcomes as revealed by the consultation process.

The most important part is the Action Plan; a short, pithy summary that lays out the issues; the outcomes desired; the priority of the issue for the community and the timeframe for implementation. For more about Parish Plans see the Community Council of Devon (CCD) website at www.devonrcc.org.uk

What about Newton Poppleford & Harpford?

Anyone who'd like to be involved in our community, or who is just interested in what is going on, is welcome to attend the meeting on **Tuesday 3rd March at 8.15pm in the Newton Poppleford Village Hall.**



April 2009

Colaton Raleigh Annual Parish Meeting

TO BE HELD on Monday 27th April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!

All parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting where there will be a brief resume

of the year's Parish news followed by a talk on Parish Plans by the Community Council of Devon.

Many rural communities in Devon have already written a Parish Plan. It is a unique opportunity for a community such as Colaton Raleigh to look at its concerns and interests through a structured consultation process that is driven and carried out by the community. When completed it will lay out key issues, desired outcomes and priority issues with timeframes for the community.

You are welcomed to come along and learn more about Parish Plans!



October 2009

Vision for the Future

The civil parish of Newton Poppleford, which includes Harpford and Venn Ottery, has started the process of asking you, the residents, what you would hope to see in the village in the years to come. This is the first stage of producing a Village Plan – to guide our councils and service providers for the future.

All the village clubs and societies should be contacted before the end of September, with the hope that they will get a representative to a short initial meeting in Newton Poppleford Village Hall from 10.00 – 11.00am on Saturday 3 October.

If, by the time you read this, your organisation has not been asked, please ring Gill Sessions on 01395 567147, if interested, or just turn up at 10 o'clock on Saturday.



March 2010

Vision for the Future – the Parish Plan

Report from the Steering Group.

Thank you to all those who took the time and trouble to come to the Open Drop-In Session in January. The session was very useful and, as a result, we've now got lots of ideas.

One of the major issues in the Parish is the concern about traffic and the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Other issues included: the need for more affordable housing for local people; the need for a new community centre, which might offer indoor sporting facilities; environmental concerns, including restricting any development on the flood plain. But, of course, this is not all!

The Steering Group, in conjunction with the Rural Community Council of Devon, is now working on compiling a questionnaire on all of the issues raised. We hope to get the questionnaire out to you some time in the spring. So, watch this space!

Gill Potter

N P & Harpford Parish Plan Steering Group

period, all members of the Steering Group gave up many hours of their valuable free time to see this process through, with the support of the Community Council of Devon. All of this work was totally unpaid.

In accordance with the wishes of the members of the Steering Group, their names do not appear on the Plan. However, I should personally like to take the opportunity of thanking all the members of the Steering Group for their continued hard work and support. In no particular order these are Haylor Lass, Shan Merritt and Joce Dyer. Without these people in particular, there would not be a Plan as you see it today.

We should say a big thank you once again to all those who kindly delivered and collected the questionnaires and/or delivered the finished documents.

Now that the people of Newton Poppleford & Harpford have spoken and the Parish Plan is complete, I hope we can all look forward to seeing how the Plan will be incorporated into shaping the future of our Parish.

If anybody didn't receive a copy of the Plan and would like one, please ring me on the number below.

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Chair of Steering Group

